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In re:

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For: Removable Bearing Assemblies

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Inventor: Richard L. Fisher

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Examiner: Avila

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DECLARATION OF RICHARD L. FISHER

I, Richard L. Fisher, declare as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and reside at 34931 Goose Haven Road, Albany, MN 56307.
2. I am a founding shareholder and officer in the full-time employ of Fisher Beavertail Manufacturing, Inc, which I founded in 1997. Fisher Beavertail Manufacturing, Inc. manufactures and sells marine mud motors or motors for mud boats, and has been in the business of manufacturing and selling marine motors or motors for mud boats for approximately seven years.
3. I have been involved in the design, development and/or production of marine mud motors or motors for mud boats for more than seven years. Over the years I have looked at and worked with thousands of mud motors, referred to as motors for mud boats, as well as discussed these motors with owners, operators, salespeople and manufacturers of motors for mud boats, a.k.a. mud motors.
4. The combination internal combustion engine, elongated drive shaft, concentric drive tube and propeller illustrated and described in my patent application serial no. 09/756,688 is commonly referred to in the marine industry as a mud motor.